OUR FATHERLESS ONES.

"Thou Art the Helper of the Fatherless."—Psalm 10:14.

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Timely Comment
:—on Topics of Interest in—:
Church and State

It is said that a religious wave has swept over Germany since the beginning of the present struggle. The Kaiser leads the great revival and the churches are never empty.

New life seems to have taken hold of business with the coming of the New Year. All prices are advancing on account of the war, and even cotton is almost to eight cents. The railroads report that business is on the mend.

The vote on the national prohibition amendment was a source of great encouragement to those of us who would banish forever this enemy of good will, peace and happiness. Because some of the congressmen lacked the back bone to come forward and vote, the amendment lacked the necessary two-thirds. However, victory is certain a few years hence.

Congress has endorsed the position held by President Wilson and says by a vote of 204 to 174 that our dear women shall not enter the cesspool of politics, but the opposition excused itself by saying that this is a question for the States to decide. How about letting all the women have the use of the ballot and decide it for themselves. That is the right way. We men are here to please them and if they say with united voice, give us the ballot, then give it to them.

In the mean time Billy Sunday is making it warm for sinners. Judging by some of his sayings he would freeze icicles on a man's mustache and then melt them off. He says some people are so low down that they will need an airship to get to hell. All of which is saying that Billy will drive many people deeper into sin instead of lifting them out of sin. When a man is in a pit you must show him some mercy before he will believe you can lift him out.

A bill has been introduced in the House imposing a heavy tax on all revolvers and making minimum punishment for carrying concealed weapons $50 fine and six months imprisonment. That ought to meet with popular favor by all enlightened citizens over the State. To carry a concealed weapon is to be prepared to kill and to be p r e p a r e d means death to an offender in a fit of anger. There is no necessity for carrying guns in North Carolina and it ought to be stopped.

To try to prove by the European war that Christianity is a failure is to attempt something absurd. Men have to go through the belly of a whale occasionally before they will hear the voice of God and obey that voice. After the war clouds roll away the Christian religion will emerge brighter than ever and more firmly enthroned in the hearts of men than ever before. They will have spent all of their forces for evil, learned that war is hell, and turn their faces toward heaven with repentance on their lips and a prayer for mercy in their hearts. And then, God shall hear his people and save them from their sins.

Statesville has taken a forward step in the decision to provide for a visiting nurse to visit the poor people of the city and give such instruction and assistance as she may be able. Other cities could do no better than to follow the example set by Statesville.

Thos. A Edison is a great man with brains enough for two men but his assertion that sleep is not necessary and can be banished altogether sounds like rank foolishness. God in his wisdom provided night in which he intended that men should sleep and rest, but it is just such men as Edison and his inventions with electricity that have robbed men of the rest intended for them and which we must have if we hold our own in the business world.

The rank and file of the American people are behind Congress on its immigration bill. It excludes all foreingers from the United States who can not read some language and all emigrants with negro blood. This writer would be willing to go a step further and exclude all who cannot read the English language. We already have more foreigners in our large cities than we have any need of, and as a rule it is the sorry worthless class who leave their native land for golden America. Many of these do not intend to make this their permanent home and return with their collected wealth to the old country after a few years. They bring trouble and create unrest among our own God-favored people. If we could maintain our individuality this nation might not ever reach its zenith, but just so sure as it is over-run with foreigners it will pass into the stage of moral decay. Most of the emigrants are Catholics, and to say the least, we have more of this class already than we know what to do with, keep 'em out.

The Charlotte Observer has turned over a new leaf. Formerly it was remembered as the paper that introduced the Sunday edition in North Carolina, that fought prohibition to the last ditch, that said the country would go to the bow-wows if Woodrow Wilson should be elected president. But those are sins of the old Observer. The new Observer has adopted new policies. Something has happened. It makes bold to indorse every good move, to condemn all that is evil. The Observer now comes forward and lends all of its power and influence in behalf of the home for fallen women. The Obseaver, by the way, has an influence of the first magnitude in shaping the destinies of affairs in the State. Many men have complete faith in the words of the Observer. It is of the opinion that men who have a part in disgracing girls should bear the disgrace and punishment and says that its sympathy for the weaker vessel has never been shaken. In indorsing the home for fallen women a correspondent of the Observer says: "Right along with it should go some protection for the other girl, the one who has not fallen, by putting tne man who fell with the fallen one in such light, or plight, that he nor the other fellow will want to help another one down." The Observer says the tendency of the past has been to spare the man's reputation by holding back his name and then parading the name of the girl in print and placing her at the mercy of public sentiment. This leader of North Carolina dailies wants to abolish the practice and reverse the custom. Good! Lead off—others are in line.

HOME-----The place where we grumble the most and are treated the best.--Selected.

—Isn't it true?

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—Strange how people will bite the hand that feeds them.

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—Let's leave off the first part of the text, and save our sweetest words for home.

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—No one deserves the bouquets of praise more than our home circle.

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—Miss Victoria Hudson left Tuesday night to visit the ladies societies in Kings Mountain Presbytery in behalf of the Home.

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—The Sherwood Church sent the Lees Cottage boys a box filled with good things to eat for which they are thankful.

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—Miss Eleanor Martin returned Saturday night to resume her work as principal and teacher of the 9th and 10th grades.

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—Five more porkers were slaughtered yesterday. That means some good sausage will soon be issuing from the kitchen.

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—By a mistake in counting the papers last week we ran short before we finished mailing all of our papers, and were forced to mail a few half size papers. This will not occur often.

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—Mr. Lowrance and family have moved into the Strokecker house. He will be assistant superintendent and will have charge of some of the work formerly performed by Mr. Cowan and will also assist in the office of the superintendent.

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—Mr. E. O. Carver of Auburndale, Fla., remembered his sister, Miss Carver, and the Lees Cottage boys with a crate of oranges last week. They appreciate them immensely and are glad that their matron has a brother living in Florida.

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—Several buildings are to go up in the near future over at the farmer's place. A building will be constructed to shelter tools and machinery, and two cribs will be built in anticipation of a large corn crop next summer. When spring opens a new horse barn will be under way. The present one is a sight, down in a low place isolated by mud and water.

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—Mr. and Mrs. M. R. McGirt and two children from Winston-Salem have arrived and Mr. McGirt has taken charge of Round Knob and the dairy. He is well qualified for his position, having taken a course at the North Carolina A. & M. College and has pursued this line of work since leaving college. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. McGirt a cordial welcme and hope they will like their surroundings at Barium.

—Mr. Walker went to Charlotte on business yesterday.

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—The changes in positions of the workers seem to be working to advantage all the way around.

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—Mrs. Simpson of Charlotte was a visitor here on last Thursday.

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—Mr. Leroy McLaughlin of Mount Ulla is here to do carpenter work for some time.

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—Chadbourn Ladies Aid Society recently sent us a box containing four quilts and a pair shoes.

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—The Bradshaw house, recently purchased, is being remodeled and repaired. After it receives a coat of paint it will present a different appearance.

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—In the absence of other matters of importance we might add that it has been raining some lately. In the language of Lucky: "Breddern, life, in des modern times am given mosly to prayin' for rain and den wishin it would cl'ar off."

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—The Earnest Workers' Society of Mallard Creek Church sent us a coop of chickens before Christmas and no mention was made of it in these columns. We wish to say now that we received the chickens and take delight in thanking you for them now. We are always glad to make good any omissions of this kind.

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—As Miss Hudson goes forth in the interest of the Orphans' Home and Our Fatherless Ones as Field Secretary we bespeak for a cordial reception and thorough-going co-operation on the part of friends of the Home in assisting her in every possible way. She will not endeavor to raise money but merely organize and stimulate interest in the work, and enable you give assistance in the way that is most needed.

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—O! we have so many friends of which we know nothing or little about, friends who do so much for us and never receive any public glory for what they do. It is not our intention to slight any one as we give prominent mention to all great and loving deeds that come to our attention. There are many who do so much and yet recieve little or no praise because they move about in such a quiet unworldly way, helping here a little and there a little. To this large host of friends we owe a thousand and one thanks for all that you do. If you receive no individual praise in this world, rest assured that the blessing will be all the greater in the world to come.

—Our faithful old horse, Zeb Vance, donated to us some time ago by Mrs. Willis Hall of Alexis, has taken his departure to the happy hunting ground. Tuesday afternoon one of the boys took him out for water and while on the way back to the stable he fell dead. Apparently he was in good condition and death was probably due old age, he being twenty-odd years old."

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—The "milkers" are elated over their new dairyman and his good wife. They say that Round Knob is soon to be the garden spot of the world. Here's hopes. One thing certain, boys, by observation through the optical demonstrators of this writer you will have to follow the straight and narrow path or all will not be a mid-summer nights dream very long. Mr. McGirt appears to be a business mand first, last and all the time.

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—We now have 195 children in the Home. This is our limit at present as all the buildings are well filled if not over crowded. So the inevitable answer to scores of letters will be "sorry, no room." During such times as at present orphanages are needed more than ever and they are rushed, so to speak, for admittance. We do not intend to press the matter of more dormitories for some time to come as we think our faithful people will be doing well in caring for the number of the church. But let us not

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—This from a friend whose subscription was more than a year behind, and who had been waiting for our collector to renew his subscription: "I have no idea of letting my paper stop. I hope to see Our Fatherless Ones and Barium go onward and upward to greater achievements and nobler work. I am in very truth a friend to all that pertains to Barium." And the good part about this to us is we have several thousand good friends just like this one.

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—The best bit of news we have to hand out this week is that our farmer will be through running about this time next week. In other words, he will have a good lady to keep him at home, praise be. No more bachelor life for him. There has been some anxiety felt over the manner in which he has been keeping the road hot lately, ("Editor too," says the small boy looking over our shoulder. "Go 'way, bud, we're writing about the farmer and his good luck.") but now he is to settle down and we look for a bumper crop on the farm next summer. Strange, isn't it, that a farmer would wait thirty-one years, and then, when hard times come take unto himself a wife to make a living for both of them? Bad as this may seem he is no infidel as Lucky knows an infidel. Lucky says "an infidel is a man who won't marry when the world is full of marriagable women ten times better than the men."

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—Postmaster W. B. Parks has moved from the farmer's house to a house nearer his store and will look after the poultry for the home. This departmsnt has never been very successful on our campus and it was wisely moved to its new location. Since Mr. Parks has vacated it is to be expected that Farmer "Mac" will move in. If not soon then it is sure bet that his girl is not "hisn" or else the war is holding him at bay.

GLEANINGS
:—FROM—:
Orphanage Papers.

On the right Road

We are exceedingly glad to see that people are waking up to the fact that over five thousand orphan children habitually face destitution in our State and that there is good promise of attempts being made to relieve this bad situation. The meeting, in Raleigh, last week, of many of the State's most prominent orphanage men, brought very strongly to light the need of help for these neglected and helpless children, and it is sincerely to be hoped that no rest is given the subject until something is done for them.

We have numbers of times mentioned the crying needs of the thousands of orphans outside of our institutions, being thoroughly convinced that our State is too big and too rich to longer remain under the stigma of neglecting over two-thirds of its destitute, helpless, hopeless, children. At the same time, we have felt that this lamentable neglect was largely due to the public's lack of information upon the subject. Our people who cannot pass a sick dog or sick cat without compassion, who contribute largely to varied philanthropies, only need to realize the orphanage call in order to make them open their purses.

There can be no more worthy cause than relieving destitute orphan children and, conversely, no neglect is so cruel as their neglect.—Orphans' Friend.

A Great Orphanage

The Texas Baptist Orphanage is one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the world. For thirty-eight years it has been giving shelter, protection and training to the homeless children of Texas. During all these years it has been under the guiding hand of a great statesman—Dr. R. C. Buckner—who has poured the riches of his gentle heart and mind into the work.

From a small beginning it has grown into its present great proportions. Six hundred children are within its walls, 2,466 acres of land are owned by the Home, valued at $363,525. The total assets of the institution amounted to $576,502.38. Besides this there are others valuable lands, bequeathed in whole or in parts, to the institution on which settlements have not yet been finally arranged. The institution is clear of debt.

Heretofore the Orphanage has been controlled by a self-perpetuating board of Baptist deacons; but Dr. Buckner has transferred all his personal property to the Home, and put his life blood, which is more valuable than money, into the institution.

Dr. Buckner decided that the time has come for the Texas Convention to own in fee simple and forever control the Texas Baptist Orphanage, and so as president and general manager of the Orphanage at the recent session of the Convention in Abilene he formally but tenderly presented this vast property to to the Baptist, of Texas.

It was a very tender and beautiful hour, as Dr. George W. Truett, the wonderful Dallas preacher, accepted for the convention this mighty institution with all its interests, and paid a loving and glorious tribute to its venerable founder and protector.

This institution sheds lustre on the Baptists of Texas, and crowns its great founder with imperishable honor.—Charity and Children.

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TWO MORAL STANDARDS.

Why have two moral standards in judging a boy or a girl, a man or a woman? This is one of the greatest injustices practiced against the feminine sex.

A boy can commit all kinds of crimes, become polluted with immorality, sink lower and lower and still have a pretty good name in his community. Finally he goes so far that he has to leave home to escape the law. After several years he returns and is received with open arms by his family and friends. They forget the past and give him a clean record.

Ah! but not so with the unfortunate girl who heeds the voice of Satan in the hour of weakness. It only takes a short while for rumor to ruin her reputation forever and ever. She may be innocent enough but rumor will not spare her. She may repent of the first sin, but what's the use. She finds her friends deserting her. Her own family turns her out. Where shall she go? Oh! where can she go? It matters not how far she goes from home cruel fate decrees that rumor shall follow her and the finger of scorn be lifted against her.

Here is where a humane state government should step in and provide a home for such girls. It is to be hoped that the measure fathered by Dr. A. A. McGeachy of Charlotte and soon to be placed before the General Assembly of North Carolina will receive favorable attention by that body.

The bill providing for "A Home of Refuge and reformatory for women" is so deserving that it is hardly neccessary to point out the merits in such a movement. The least we can expect of the Legislature is that they will provide such a home. These poor, unfortunate "soiled angels" should be given another chance. If we do our best in behalf of these our service will be quite small when we remember how our blessed Master treated an unfortunate woman on one occasion: "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone * * * No man condemns thee, go and sin no more."

The following poem entitled: "The Two Prodigals," by Cecil Pool illustrates the two moral standards used by the world in judging sin. God forbid that we should be so inhuman, but such is life.

When the roses of summer were budding and blooming,
And ripening wheat bent 'neath its burden of gold;
Came a prodigal son, world-weary and tattered,
To the place where his footsteps had echoed of old.
They clung to his garments with tears and caresses,
The cup of his welcome with joy was overrun.
And the flowers of love and forgiveness was woven,
In a blossoming crown for the prodigal son.

When icicles hung from the bare frozen branches,
And winter winds morned from 'round the dwellings of men—
Forsaken, and homeless, a prodigal daughter,
Creeps back to the home of her childhood again.
But they drove her away in the storm and the darkness,
And the icy cold winds, with their chill, piercing breath—
While the pitiless curses that followed her footsteps,
Were keen as the tempest and cruel as death.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE FIVE THOUSAND?

At the recent orphanage convention held in Raleigh it was brought to light that 5,000 orphan children are on the outside and in need. Every orphanage is filled yet they cry all the more pitiously: "Have you any room?" Among the speakers at the convention none made more interesting addresses than Mr. Archibald Johnson, who said in part:

"An orphanage," he declared, "is not a charitable institution. It does not make its appeal to the public. But it has its constituency just like any other denominational educational institution."

He brought out the fact that it is the duty of the church to keep the orphan in the institution from the time he becomes an orphan to the time he graduates. The orphanage is not a bureau of placing children out.

"If that is its duty," he declared, "then it is folly to accept those magnificent bequests that come to it and which go to the increase of the equipment and the erection of handsome buildings for the proper care of the orphans."

He made a strong appeal for the orphan children of the State. "Those five thousand," he called them, "who are now in the highways and the hedges without a penny, without a friend, without a home"; and again, "children who have nothing in the world to go to but the dogs and to the devil."

"What higher calling," he exclaimed in enthusiasm, "can there be for the church of the living God than to become the guardian of these helpless waifs of the State."

Then the speaker applied the biblical quotation of the Christ when He said: "Suffer little children to come unto me," and he brought it showing that home the place of the child in the life of the State, in the life of the home, in the life of the church, in literature, in every phase of human activity is coming in now for a share of recognition, and then he concluded with the thought that the orphan is a blessing to those who help him.

"The orphan," he said, "is not so much pauper, not so much a beggar as he is a benefactor. The church and the denomination which get closest to the orphanage work is the church most visibly blessed.

THE GREED OF MAN.

While we all want to believe in the peace treaties being advocated by Secretary of State Bryan, yet we must admit that they are of very little consequence when the greed of mankind is considered. Let gold glitter in the eyes of men and only fear can hold them back; let a land flowing with milk and honey loom up in the minds of the hordes of Europe and only a large navy and army can hold them where they are and prevent them from possessing this fair country of ours.

It seems pretty hard to admit all of this but it is the truth never the less. Brute force still rules in the hearts of most men. The English people say that the position taken by America "makes us smile and tempts us to weep." The London Post says:

"If Englishmen may presume to warn our cousins in the United States out of the bitter wisdom of experience, the warning would be that a nation can only live its own life. The freedom won by war can only be preserved by the ability to defend it.

"Against a nation which is rich and unarmed, foes will rise so to speak, out of the ground."

The Scotch minister rose and cleared his throat but remained silent, while the congregation awaited the sermon in puzzled expectancy. At last he spoke:

"There's a laddie awa' there in the gallery a kissin' a lassie," he said. "When he's done ah'll begin."

MENACE OF THE MODERN DANCE.

While it is not the business of this editor to say whether people shall dance or shall not, yet it is his privilege to express an opinion to which some may agree and others of course will disagree.

In the first place it depends upon the person dancing in a large measure as to whether it is right or wrong. You know it is possible to make evil out of good.

During the days of our fathers such dances as the Virginia reel could hardly be condemned as harmful by any one. It merely gave opportunity to secure the needed exercise on the part of the young people unaccustomed to work. However, times have changed and the dances have changed until the time has almost arrived when steps will have to be taken to surpress the modern dances that issue from the ball rooms of Paris.

Because the sexes dance together in the modern dances in close contact make these dances dangerously immoral. Mothers who love their daughters' good name and future happiness will think long and earnestly before giving their consent for to them to attend a public ball. Many of the men they will meet will be faultless gentlemen, however, in all society there will be some who outwardly will seem "perfect darlings" but inwardly they are raving woves. Authorities have established the fact that three-fourths of fallen women attribute their decent to the ball room.

Dr. Vines in a forceful sermon in Charlotte Sunday night had this to say about the modern dance.

"Some very good and religious women are unable to see anything wrong with it, because they do not know one fact, which men do know," said the speaker and that is that some of the men they dance with are not fit for them to put their feet upon. There are men who dance for one purpose, and one only, and that is to abuse their privileges—and the man who says that isn't so, simply tells a whopper."

"God pity us if dancing is the only passport into society. It ought to rest on intellectuality and moral strength. No, girls, you don't have to dance to get into good society. And I would advise you, if you haven't learned it, don't begin it and if you have begun it, well, just quit it."

A New Year is born! Nineteen hundred and fifteen!

"And what of that?" you ask. Not much—just a little—and yet so much! Nineteen hundred and fifteen! Only four words, and yet those words signify that today we reckon our time from' year in which Christ was worn—that Christ was our ideal man—our perfect man—the only man who was in all things a man! And in the infancy of the new year shall we keep before us the record of the man whose memory and whose deeds even time itself cannot dim? Shall we keep before us the memory of the man in whose honor we write "1915?"—Ex.

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The higher and more unselfish the end toward which we direct our lives the greater is the demand for intense and ceaseless concentration of our noblest powers. Focus your best powers upon the details of your life work. These may seem to be trifles; but rememer the wise words of the painstaking artist, "Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."—Rev. M. Sykes.

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No good work is easy. Do not, in choosing a calling, profession or occupation, appear to make an easy pathway through life. Rather seek the sphere which demands the best that is in you, and calls out all of your energy and capacity. It will develop a higher and nobler life for you. Work is honorable, necessary, helpful.

Gems of Thought for Every Day Living.

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Let me live from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul;
Not hastening to, nor turning from the goal,
Not mourning for the things that disappear
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils, but with a whole
And happy heart that pays its toll
To Youth and Age and travels on with cheer.

So let the way be up the hill or down
Through rough or smooth; the journey will be joy,
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
New friendships, high adventure and a crown;
I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest
Because the road's last turn will be the best.

—Henry Van Dyke

Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds.—Shakespeare.

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It is better to have one friend of value than many friends who are good for nothing.—Anarcharsis.

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I find that doing the will of God leaves no time for disputing about His plans.—Geo. MacDonald.

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"Reserve your best manners for your wife, and in time courtesy will become second nature to you."

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"If you want to know the real heart of a man, take note of his treatment of his wife and family. It Tells."

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It is better to get one hundred men to work than to do the work of one hundred men.—Moody.

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Knowledge, in truth, is the great sun in the firmament. Life and power are scattered with its beams.—Daniel Webster.

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Fold thy wings, O troubled soul, and rest thee from worry that thou mayest be stronge for whatever the future holds for thee.—M. Clay Burbridge.

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The men who do things, and not the men who merely talk about things, are those who bless the world.—Elbert Hubbard.

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Few are the joys of life compared with the griefs, yet 'tis the griefs that point to the star of hope and the crosses that make us call upon the All-Wise.—M. Clay Burbridge.

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Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, represent for us destruction, violence, dissipation, death. They fought for a world's peace, but the peace they brought about was the silence of death.—Elbert Hubbard.

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I consider him a wise man who does not overate the value of money, nor thirst for it, nor found all his hopes on it. Who makes a good and rightful use of it may be called its lord and owner—who watches jealously over it, its lover—who looks upon it with fear, its slave—and who worships it, an idolater.—Petrarch.

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Be not afraid to show Him the emptiness and coldness of your heart; do so that the void may be filled. Ruinous may be the tenement of your soul; ask Him to repair it. Great may be your poverty; ask Him to enrich it. Open your heart to Him, desiring that the love which you need may be poured into it, and verily you shall be filled.—Dr. Morgan Dix.

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Forget It.

The hardest thing to forget seems to be the wrong that someone has done to us. We feed and pet the hateful feeling until it grows big and crowds out every other impulse in the heart.

We spend much valuable time through the years planning to trap the person who has aroused this feeling—time which might have been spent in beautifying our own lives, and the lives of others, if we had turned our backs determinedly upon the wrong and the wrongdoers, leaving both to the inevitable law of compensation.

When we attempt to take vengeance into our own hands, we succeed only in smirching ourself.—Twin City Sentinel.

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Miss Francis Gilliland Westminster	2 00
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Two Words That Got Married.

Words sometimes marry, as people do. And, like people, they sometimes go afterwards to live in another country. Our two words once lived in Rome, the city of brave armies and splendid history. They were not very young when they married and moved to England. And since then they have come to America to live. Before I tell you their names, which would sound strange to you, I must tell you a little about them and how they came to marry. Many splendid palaces were in Rome, built by rich men for their homes. But though built of shining marble and adorned with beautiful statues, they were not half as comfortable as the houses you live in.

Some of the builders were not honest in their work. Finding an imperfection in a block of marble, they filled the chink with wax colored like the stone; and then they would build it into some out of the way place. For a while the deception would not be discovered. But when the heat and frost came, the wax would fall away and the cheat would become known.

So the nobles learned to put into their building contracts two little words, "Sine cera," meaning "without wax." You see I have already told you the names of our little friends! To be sure, when they came to England they changed the family name a little, as people do sometimes—perhaps to make it seem a little more grand! The name now is "Sincerity." But the meaning is the same.

Our good American word "Sincerity," then, is the new married name of the old Roman words, "sine cera." And it means the same thing; without wax, the real thing, without sham or pretense; just honesty. It pays! Wax isn't marble. And heat and frost will surely find out the fraud and make the builder ashamed.—Rev. Frank T. Bayley.

Wanted: A Worker

God never goes to the lazy or the idle when he needa men for his service. When God wants a worker he calls a worker. When he has work to be done, he goes to those already at work. When God wants a good servant, he calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest this truth.

Moses was busy with his flocks at Horeb. Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine press. Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts. Elisha was busy ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen. David was busy caring for his father's sheep. Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine-cup. Amos was busy following the flock. Peter and Andrew were busy casting their net into the sea. James and John were busy mending their nets. Matthew was busy collecting customs. William Carr was busy mending and making shoes. The ings Own.

A New Year! To some it will bring suffering, and agony, and despair. It will bring sorrow, and sadness, and tears. It will bring want, and hunger, and desperation. And from desperation to crime is often but a step!

And crime is often the pathway that leads down to the depths of hell—into the arms of the devil—to everlasting torment and the eternal damnation of a soul. But sadness of such an ending might often be avoided if we extend a helping hand in time. Just a little help—a few kind words—a slight effort to obtain food and employment for those who are unfortunate, yet worthy—who are totering upon the brink. We might extend that help—we conld give something—if we would! But will we?—Ex.

Flee from fear, and still the faster
Fear comes on;
Turn, assert yourself the master;
Fear is gone.

Total by Presbyteries.

Asheville	61	47
Albemarle	514	65
Concord	614	67
Fayetteville	987	05
Kings Mtn	110	71
Mecklenburg	523	84
Orange	1,502	89
Wilmington	332	35
Miscellaneous	10	00
Total	4,657	63
Support	4,657	63
Press	86	50
Building & R. E.	328	00
Grand total	5,072	13

The Humorous Side of Life.

A colored philosopher, "down South," is reported to have said: "Life, my breddern, am mos'ly made up of prayin' for rain and then wishin' it would cl'ar off."—Ex.

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"A pessimist," said Representative Foss, "asks, 'Is there any milk in that pitcher?' But an optimist says, 'Pass the cream, please.'"—Washington Star.

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That Settled It.

"Willie," said the teacher, "give me three proofs that the world is actually round."

"Yes'm," said Willie cheerfully; "the book says so, you say so and Ma says so."—Ex.

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An Urgent Case.

A girl, reading in a paper that fish was excellent brain food, wrote to the editor:

"Dear Sir:—Seeing as you say how fish is good for the brains, what kind of fish shall I eat?"

To this the editor replied:

"Dear Miss:—Judging from the composition of your letter, I should advise you to eat a whale."—Tit-Bits.

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"Can you be trusted with a secret?" he asked.

The woman drew herself up proudly. "You have known me for ten years, haven't you?" she replied.

"Yes."

"Do you know how old I am?"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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A suburban minister, during his discourse one Sunday morning said: "In each blade of grass there's a sermon." The following day one of his flock discovered the good man pushing a lawn mower about, and paused to say: "Well, parson, I'm glad to see you engaged in cutting your sermons short."

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A Burglar who had entered a poor minister's house at midnight was disturbed by the awakening of the occupant of the room he was in. Drawing his revolver, he said, "If you stir, you are a dead man; I'm hunting for money."

"Let me get up and strike a light," said the minister, "and I'll hunt with you."

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A witty judge declared recently that "a patriot was a man who refused to button his wife's waist. A martyr," he went on, "is one who attempts and fails, while a hero tries and succeeds."

"Then what is a coward?" asked a curious bystander.

"Oh, a coward," replied the judge, "is a man who remains single so that he won't have to try."—Ex.

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"What do you mean by writing me that my Jimmie can't pass into the next grade?" stormed an irate female, bursting into the principal's room. "An' after him doin' such grand work all the year."

"Why, Mrs. Flaherty," replied the teacher, "you must know better than that. I've sent you his report cards every month and you know that his marks have been nearly all 'D's.'"

"Indade they hav, and yit you say he can't pass. I don't understand it, mum."

"I am afraid you don't understand our system of marking. 'D' means deficient, you know."

"Sure I don't know phat that may be, mum, but Jimmie told me all about the letters. Sure 'D' is dandy, 'C' is corking. 'B' is bum, an' 'A' is awful—an' he's got 'C's' an' 'D's' ivery month."—Harper's Monthly.

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Ever Heard These?

Why is twice eleven like twice ten? Because twice eleven is twenty-two, and twice ten is twenty, too.

Why may a beggar wear a very short coat? Because it will be long enough before he gets another.

Which are the most contented birds? Rooks, because they never complain without caws.

What is that which you can keep after giving it to someone else? Your word.

Why is a plum cake like the ocean? Because it contains many currants.

What vegetable products are the most important in history? Dates.

When are eyes not eyes? When the wind makes them water.—The Continent.

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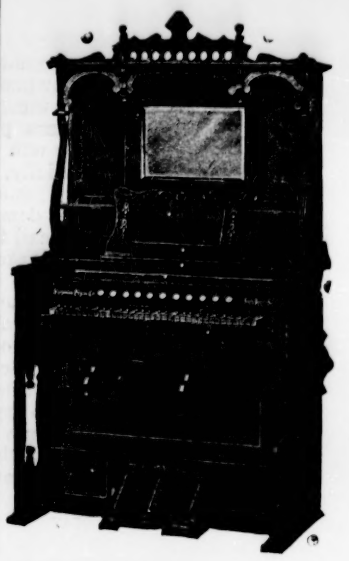

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" Johnson City, Tenn	11:45	"
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Lv Marion, N C	3:55	"
" Bostic, N C	4:57	"
Ar Spartanburg, S C	6:05	"

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At Four Years

She wanted lots of candy,
The precious little pet!
And what the darling wanted
She surely ought to get!
If cookies, pies, and coffee,
Or sugar-plums, in force;
And it ruined her digestion,
Of course.

At Six Years

She wanted toys and dollies,
Or something else instead,
She wouldn't eat her porridge,
And wouldn't go to bed!
She fought, and won the battle,
And screamed till hoarse;
And spoiled her disposition,
Of course!

At Sixteen

She wanted to be pretty,
A sort of fluffy dream,
She lived on cake and pickles,
A dainty, precious team!
She loathed fresh air, and such,
And work and all that's coarse;
And she ruined her complexion,
Of course!

At Seventeen

She wanted shows, and novels,
And everything that's gay,
A lazy life, and easy,
With only fun and play,
And in the race with Mother
She rode the winning horse;
And she clipped her education,
Of course!

At Eighteen

She wanted to get married,
Her heart was all aflame,
The man was quiet unworthy,
She loved him just the same,
She thought he did, the baby!
And father must endorse;
And she spoiled her life forever,
Of course!

Charles Irwin Junkin.

The Measure of our Greatness

It does not take a very able man to set a house on fire. It does not take a very strong man to explode a can of dynamite. It does not take witty man to destroy a reputation with a cynical sneer, nor a wise man to spread the spirit of discontent and discouragement in an organization until its usefulness is at an end. What we build up, not what we tear down, is the measure of our greatness.—Ex.

The Here And Now.

We are anxious to know how our State compares with other states, how our county compares with other counties, and how our community compares with other communities. We believe as firmly as ever that we have as capable apeople as the sun shines on, but that fact only makes imperative the question as to whether these capabilities are being fully developed and properly used. We believe we have unlimited resources, but that only makes us inquire as to how adequately each community is using these resources.

We know that our fathers fought well in the war, but we remember that our question from the Sphinx of History will be whether their sons wrough well in peace. And while we cherish "the glory that was Greece and the granduer that was Rome," we study them but to connect them with the Here and Now—but to remind ourselves that men of like passions as we are have built beautiful and half devine civilzations in states no larger than ours, in lands no more blessed with the Almighty's gifts, and that we have "all that any people ever had to inspire them —the Heavens above us, the generous earth beneath, and the breath of life in our nostril."—Clarence Poe.

Making a Distinction

"What is the difference," asked the teacher, "between caution and cowardice?"

Johny, who observed things carefully for so youthful a person, answered:

"Caution is when you're afraid and cowardice is when the other fellow's afraid."

Each Must do his part.

Never did we take up the work of a new year with more solemn responsibility as to its issues. Our people are living on shortened incomes. They are in many cases practicing sacrifice They will not have easy time financially, at best, for a number of months to come. The large demands upon the Orphanage call for more than at any time in its previous history.

Such is the situation. The source of income is straightened. The needs for an enlarged income are only too apparent. At a time when our supporters are not in position to do as much as formerly, the cry of the orphan and half orphan is louder and more urgent than before. In such a case we are sorely put to it.

The only way to meet the crisis is for each to do his part, even though it be a small part.

"Round the task that rules to-day,
Let each man wheel with steady sway,
And do his best."

Exchange.

Work.

"By the sweat of the brow thou shalt earn thy own bread" was pronounced as a curse upon man, but like all that God puts upon us, the curse is to-day our blessing.

There is no greater danger to a man than idleness. The devil always finds something for idle hands to do. If we do not work in honest toil and serve in some noble occupation, we may be sure that we will work mischief and serve Satan.

Give a man noble work, enough of it to occupy his time, his talents and his energies, and his leisure will reveal clean morals and noble manners. It has been said that those who are best loved by angels receive not thrones, but tasks.

The temperament which would choose work simply because it is easy, is as undesirable as the curse of Cain. Real work is easy only when we have a perfect body and brain to do it. He is a true man who has fulfilled his own possibilities, whether he is a ditch digger, a stone cutter, a mechanic, or a professional man. Real manhood makes the most out of the lowest gifts; work molds and polishes his character, and developes his capacities, and makes his talents finer and more effective.

The Star of Bethlehem

For some nights an unusually bright star has been shining in the eastern skies, appearing after 10 o'clock and continuing the remainder of the night. Those who have watched this particularly conspicuous planet assert that it is known as the Star of Bethlehem and makes its appearance only every 300 years. The New York world of recent date, mentioning this particular star, carried a long article concerning the same and stated that it was the Star of Bethlehem and its appearance at this time was the first in 300 years. Some believe that this was the same star that guided the Wise Men at the time of the birth of Christ.—Ex.

Easily Adjusted.

A Street-Car inspector was watching the work of the green Irish conductor.

"Here, Foley, how is this?" he said. "You have ten passengers and only nine fares are rung up.

"Is thot so?" said Foley. Then turning to the passengers he shouted:

"Ther's wan too many av yez on this cyar. Git out o' here, wan av yez!"

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get behind in the support fund. However, we are hopeful that God will put it into the heart of some faithful and wealthy servant to build an additional dormitory on the campus to shelter some of our needy Presbyterian orphans on the outside. Bear this in mind, brethren, in making your will.

THANKS AGAIN

How grateful we are to the generous hearted friends of the Home for all that has been done by them for the children under our care during this Christmas Season!

We were still so busy receiving good things and putting matters to rights last week that we failed to find time to prepare this little note of thanks, but we are truly grateful and are anxious for our people to know that we appreciate all that is being done for our family here.

We have tried to publish in "Our Fatherless Ones" some statement of things received from each source. So much has come in that it is difficult to keep tab of all such items and in case we have failed to make mention in our paper of everything received, let it be known that it has been an oversight and not an intentional failure to make such recognition.

It would take two much time and space for us to mention in this note all that we have received, really it would be a tedious undertaking to name each item expressive of the kind thoughtfulness of our liberal people, suffice it to say by this means to each one of you, we thank you sincerely.

Nothing was left undone to make our Christmas a joyous and happy one. Each child was well remembered individually, and things were sent in abundance for the use of our entire household. It is hard to find words to express all the gratitude that we feel to those, who were thus so interested in our cause.

Wishing you, one and all, a prosperous and useful New Year,

Most cordially,
W. T. Walker, Supt.

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—We have been intending to brag on our girls as cooks for a good many days. This department seems to improve in efficiency as the days go by. If there is a better cook than one of our large girls it is two of them. Of course they get little experience in preparing fancy dishes, but when it comes to making grits and gravy taste good they make a hungry man glad he is living.

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—A debating society was organized among the boys from the seventh to tenth grades last Friday night with Will Warlick, president; Doyle Horne vice-president; Clingman Long, secretary; David Stanley, treasurer; and Will Almond, sergeant-at-arms. Judges, Ashley Jackson, Barron Grier and Clyde Hartness. The question to be debated will be "Resolved, that steam is more useful than electricity." It is believed that the interest manifested on the start will grow and that the society will broaden into greater things. The editor is behind the movement and assisting the boys in every possible way, and hopes that it will result in great good to the boys. All of them see the wisdom in having such a society. They know as we all know that the men who can put their thoughts into words and their words into action are the men who are ruling the world today. A permanent name has not been chosen but it will be known at present as the Barium Literary Society.

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—Any of our readers who have been waiting for our collector to come around to renew their subscriptions will please not wait. We no longer have a collector as a collector would use about all he collected for salary and expenses and the orphanage would get nothing. We hope our friends will bear this in mind and respond promptly when they receive notice of subscription dues.—Subscribers who are more than a year behind may expect us to discontinue the paper after giving due notice. While we would almost be willing to send Our Fatherless Ones to every Presbyterian in North Carolina without charge if the postal laws allowed, but as it is we are required to discontinue subscriptions when they become more than a year in arrears. We hope all of our people will understand the situation and that we shall not have to drop a single name for failure to pay. We want to keep every single name on our books. Whatever you do don't allow us to stop it with you, as a church member, owing your own orphanage for value received. We place a black mark by all such names to distinguish them from the good people.

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—Margaret and Thelma Fraley of Cleveland have arrived and are our "new" children. Mrs. Fraley accompanied her children to Barium.

Endorses Mr. Tillett's Position.

We have been deeply interested in the discussion going on between our able townsman, C. W. Tillett, and certain secular papers.

Mr. Tilleet sharply criticised the Methodist Church, of which he is an honored member, for accepting a million dollars for University from the President of the Coca-Cola Company, on the ground that the Methodist preachers could not preach against the evils of the drink.

The Charlotte Observer printed his first deliverance on the subject, but refused the second, on the ground that it was an attack upon the Methodist Church, though its readers failed to see wherein the criticism of the Church was less in the first paper than in the second. The rejected article was printed in the Evening News as an advertisement.

It was subsequently found out that the President of the Coca-Cola Company had threatened the paper with the lost of his advertising if he admitted articles criticising coca-cola, though the editor insisted that it was regard for the Church and not loss of patronage that caused him to to refuse the article.

The News published the article as an advertisement, but editorially stated that it regarded coca-cola as harmless.

The Standard has nothing to do with the motives of the secular press, however strange those motives may seem; but we wish to bear testimony to the evil effects of the drink, having learned by personal experience, the only two times in which we ever indulged, that, taken in the early afternoon, you are fortunate if you get to sleep before midnight.

Such is our conviction of the evil effects of this habit-forming drink that we, in company with only a few religious papers, have refused to advertise it.

The Standard does not allow the question of profit to bias its judgment of the evils of some advertisements, with the result that no patent medicine or any other questionable advertisement ever appears in its columns. Of course our income seriously suffers; but a religious paper has no right to consider the question of income, where morals are concerned.

Judging from the opinions we hove heard. Mr. Tillett came out of the affair with flying colors, and neither paper gained much in popular estimation.

It is difficult to see anything, when looking through a silver dollar.—Presbyterian Standard.

PRINTER BOYS OF 1906.

WHERE TO FIND THEM

The above is a picture of the boys who issued Our Fatherless Ones in 1906. Yes, they are small boys and the boys who do the work now are not any larger. Where are these boys to be found now? One of them will be found with the Atlanta Journal, another will be found with a Newspaper in Montgomery, Ala., a third will be found at Davidson College, a senior, and the fourth will be found in Philadelphia.

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Yours respectfuily,
J. C. Kennedy.

Note by Barium Springs Co.—Rev. J. C. Kennedy is blind, but is bright, happy and cheerful in his declining years. Dr. Richards often visits him.

Lancaster, S. C.
December, 1914.

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